President’s Message

Well, the cool weather has finally arrived, along with some much-needed rain. The air has cleared as the smoke from the fires has abated and a lot of us have been getting out for some fall fishing. There is some encouraging news about a COVID vaccine that may have us back to “normal” by the beginning of next summer (I’m guardedly optimistic), so all may not be as bleak as it was earlier this year.

Our Member Services Director, Bob Shimane, has an article in this month’s newsletter with info about new requirements for certain member categories, and the email blast sent out on 10/16 described the new dues structure. Your Board conducted our annual Retreat via ZOOM on Saturday 10/10 and examined the 2021 budget, considering all the possible combinations of raising revenue and cutting spending that we could think of. In addition to a fairly small dues increase; you’ll see some other changes in the next year. When we are finally able to meet in person and conduct classes, the fee you pay will cover the entire expense of the class (room rental, speaker fee, etc.) without any subsidy from the club. We voted to end our participation in the Winter Seminar - we’ve been losing money on it the last few times and attendance has dropped. I’ve communicated our decision to the President of Sunriver Anglers. We will be cutting down on the amount we donate to outside organizations. In our normal year COF donates many hours and miles in supporting charitable or educational organizations, and that helps us maintain our 501(c) (3) status without large cash donations. Most of this info was in the survey we conducted earlier this year, and everyone had a chance to respond to it.

November is when we hold our annual Membership Meeting to elect the new Board members. You’ll see the Election Slate in this month’s newsletter; we need to fill 5 positions this year: Outings, Programs, Raffles, Education, Banquet/Auction. Please consider volunteering for these important positions if you have a desire to help your club stay strong and prosper. You’ll have plenty of help from the outgoing members, as well as the Board in general.

On a good note: our own Sherry Steele is setting up a ZOOM winter fly tying program that we will be able to join in on - at no cost to the members or the club. See the article in this newsletter for more details.

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As always, thanx for being a part of this great Club, and feel free to let me (or any board member) know if you have ideas for improvement. Get out and fish!

Tim Quinton, President COF
GENERAL MEETING | NOVEMBER 18TH
MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL! LOOK FOR AN EMAIL TO COME THAT EXPLAINS THE DETAILS.

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL COF MEMBERS:
If you are not tuning in on our monthly virtual meetings you are missing out on great monthly presentations. COVID-19 has taken a toll on all of us, but your fly fishing club is still going strong and providing quality presentations for your enjoyment. We are looking forward to seeing you at this month’s meeting.

We email the link to the virtual meeting each month to all members, so if your email isn’t current you won’t get it. If your email is correct but you’re still not getting it, contact Mary Barron, our Webmaster. Also, anyone can access the newsletter on our website without signing in.

EDUCATION
Blast From The Past!
The COF Newsletter archives hold some excellent information that is factual, timely, and never gets old. This month’s article, from December 2013 and entered in the newsletter by Yancy Lind, is available on: http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/steelhead/you-may-be-killing-steelhead-and-not-even-know-it/. If any members have ideas for similar articles please let me know. — Tim Q

YOU MAY BE KILLING STEELHEAD AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT!
Steelheaders are generally pretty serious about catch-and-release, but it’s likely that many are mortally wounding fish without ever knowing it. There are few species of fish as vulnerable as wild steel-head. These fish are beset on all sides by threats both natural and man-made. With their numbers dwindling, it’s safe to say, every steelhead counts. It’s vital that those of us who fish for them practice the best catch-and-release practices. However, common landing practices can kill fish with-out the angler ever knowing. A team of biologists studying steelhead in British Columbia discovered this problem, quite by accident. These scientists were tagging steelhead with GPS trackers. They determined that the least intrusive way to capture the fish was, well, the same way we do it. With a fly rod. They landed the fish, tagged them with the GPS device and released them. When they went to their...
Introducing “ZoomTying” with COFTG (21 CLASSES)
CENTRAL OREGON FLY TYERS GUILD
STARTING DECEMBER 3RD, EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT. | 5PM PT, 6PM MT, 7PM CT, 8PM ET

WELCOME TO THE FLY-TYING CLASSES PRESENTED BY CENTRAL OREGON FLY TYERS GUILD (COFTG)

Top instructors will be your presenters. They will be teaching you how to tie the fly, what it imitates, how to fish it, where and what time of year to use it. You will have the opportunity to tie along, interact and ask questions with the chat tool in Zoom. Download Zoom to your computer or phone is advised. https://zoom.us/

All classes are free with optional donation to Oregon Council of Fly Fishers International https://nwexpo.com/wp/ and/or Join Fly Fishers International https://flyfishersinternational.org/ https://www.facebook.com/FlyFishersInternational

We will publish the Zoom Link to join the class 1 week prior to the class on these Facebook pages and also use email distribution for those that choose not to use Facebook.

- Expo - https://www.facebook.com/nwflytyingexpo/
- Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild – https://www.facebook.com/groups/coftg/
- Steelefly Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/steelefly/

We will provide a link to download a flyer that includes the fly recipe, information about the instructor and the current class schedule.

For more information about this tying series, request to email notifications or to ask about teaching one of the classes contact Sherry Steele.

- SHERRY STEELE
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CONSERVATION

Steelhead

The following table shows the number of adult steelhead arriving at the PGE facility on the Deschutes River and the number of adults marked as originating in the upper basin above Lake Billy Chinook. Note year 2020 is only a partial count from January 1 to August 12. Steelhead begin arriving at the PGE facility in September and finish their run in March of the following year.

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Notice the steady increase in adult steelhead returns for the upper Deschutes watershed. The partial count for 2020 indicates a much stronger run is expected for this total year. We are still well below the 10 year average, but increased stocking of smolts and habitat improvement in the upper basin streams should be increasing the portion of the run above Lake Billy Chinook in the future.

Early releases of smolts in 2019 showed about 10 percent of the smolts released in Whychus Creek and the Metolius river migrated thru the collection facility on Lake Billy Chinook in the spring. Only about 5 percent of the smolts migrated out of the Crooked River system to the collection facility on Lake Billy Chinook in the spring. Next month I will look at the fish populations in the Crooked River sampled at the Opal Springs fish ladder. This will explain the difference in these river systems.

ODFW has increased the number of smolts released and provided acclimation times and are studying how to increase the survival of these smolts thru the collection facility on Lake Billy Chinook. These increases should provide more adults to the rivers above Lake Billy Chinook in the future. An optimistic view may be to look forward to a day when enough adults arrive to establish a strong run of adult steelhead without hatchery reared smolts added to the drainages.

- TOM SHUMAN
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Fish Passage at Bowman Dam
The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission met on Oct 9 to vote on the proposed request to deny fish passage on the OID proposed hydroelectric project. After reviewing the testimony for and against the proposal, and reviewing the written testimony of more than 270 people, the commission voted 5 to 1 to deny the proposed waiver. Bowman Dam is identified as one of the state’s 2019 Statewide Fish Passage Priority Barriers and is considered the highest priority fish passage barrier in the Deschutes watershed.

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER
We are excited to share our upcoming Wild Women Fall/Winter Happy Hour Zoom gatherings! All zoom gatherings will begin at 6pm. Mark your calendars now and know that Wild Women will receive an email evite prior to each event.

• Nov 19 – Liz Jones will teach us the Bill Seitz method for successful fishing on the Crooked River. Tips which we can use for nymphing year-round. Tune in if you don’t know much about sub surface flyfishing. Tune in if you know a lot about nymphing and share your know-how!

• Dec 9 – Holiday zoom social hour! Wear your ugly holiday sweater or crazy holiday hat. Break out the egg nog!

• Jan 13 – Women in the history of flyfishing and the flyfishing industry. Sue Coyle & Mary Ann Dozer.

• Feb 24 – Liz Jones will talk all about bugs and will highlight Dave Hughes book, Essential Trout Flies. We will learn which fly patterns to match the hatch.

• March 24 – Getting your equipment ready for fishing season. For beginners, what are the essentials needed to get started, beside a rod and reel!

- SUE COYLE
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OTHER NEWS
Raffle Master
Herb and I have been doing the monthly meeting raffles for several years now and we are looking to retire. We'd like someone to take over this fun position. It's a great way to meet folks as so many members come up to purchase raffle tickets. This is NOT a board position so you do not have to attend board meetings. The work involves acquiring items for the monthly raffles, displaying the items at the monthly meeting, selling tickets for the items and then passing the funds raised to the treasurer. We have a very large inventory of items so no work is needed to acquire any more for several months. We have come up with several very simple and non-time consuming methods to get new items. We'll pass on our accumulated wisdom with the job. Total time requirement involves attending each meeting and a couple of hours max each month in acquisition. For more info or to volunteer please contact Lee Ann Ross at 541-325-6034 or rossleeann@yahoo.com.

- LEE ANN ROSS
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BOARD BITS
COF BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ YEARLY RETREAT (VIRTUAL) - 10/10/2020
Membership – Bob – We have over 300 members, including 58 new members this year. Bob uses $100 worth of stamps each year. The Sept, Oct, Nov & Dec new members are grandfathered into the next year. The Board Book will be updated to reflect this.

Education – Jeff – MaryAnn’s online casting classes worked very well this last year. She is willing to do them again. In the future, class charges for our various classes will be passed along to the participants, rather than COF subsidizing a part of the classes. We need a new volunteer for Education.

Programs – Art – online presentations have gone well. The budget has been reduced because the online presentations cost less than the in-person cost. Art has had to add presentations for August and December because we had to cancel the BBQ and the Holiday party. He is working on booking more presentations on local waters (1-2 hours from Bend). Art has booked at least half of next year. He is having problems with some local shops not wanting to help out with presentations. Some shops feel that the members are not supporting them. We all need to mention that we are COF members when we go into a shop and thank
them for their support. Art has a budget of $2500 for programs. Tim has submitted an FFI grant to cover $1500 of the speakers’ fees (max amount we can get from FFI). Art will look into posting presentations on the COF website under the members’ tab. He would need to get the presenter’s permission. What about a program on bass fishing on the fly? Tom is an experienced bass fisherman and will write an article for the newsletter. He will also look into producing a PowerPoint for the website.

Banquet – Tim – We have a lot of donations for this year’s cancelled auction sitting at Bob’s house. An online auction would be a great idea. We need a COF volunteer to head that up.

Conservation – Tom – Tom is continuing to attend local meetings and write them up for the newsletter. He mentioned that Northern Pike are becoming a problem at Opal Springs.

Outings – LeeAnn – outings are no cost to the club or members. Everyone provides their own transportation and snacks. We need a volunteer to take over Outings.

Raffle – LeeAnn – we have plenty of raffle items. We just need an in-person meeting to hold our raffles at. We need a volunteer to take over raffles. They would simply need to show up at our in-person monthly meetings, set the table up and sell raffle tickets.

Kokanee Karnival – Frank – unfortunately, events are cancelled for next year, as far as he knows…

Wild Women of the Water – Sue – we have around 100 ladies. The budget is $600. That covers stickers, 101 class, presentations on ZOOM, holiday party, classes, swag.

Next Cast – Fred – we have 6 members. Fred would really like to hold the 3-day camp next June, if possible. The class will be sponsored by the Redmond Parks & Rec and be held at the Camp Sherman youth pond. He did not spend any money this year, but is planning on the same budget as the past, if youth events can be held.

Trailer – COF has an events trailer with a full kitchen and tents. It has been used for multiple day, overnight fishing trips. It is now stored on Tom’s property between Redmond and Bend. Could we use it someplace for the summer BBQ, rather than Aspen Hall?

Budget – Liz – Liz led a discussion of our 2021 budget. We went over each line item in Expenses and Revenue…

Expenses

…Insurance – one of our biggest expenses is insurance. Bend Parks and Recreation is doubling their requirements. Do we want to stay with Bend P&R? Monthly meetings – John Howard will contact the Elks Club for our large monthly meetings. Fly tying – will be held online for this year. BBQ – could we hold it somewhere with our trailer, rather than at Aspen Hall? Next Cast Youth Camp – will be held at Camp Sherman pond, rather than Aspen Hall. Casting classes – Fred and John will investigate places other than Bend parks. Liz will research and give us the marginal cost of raising our insurance.

…Environmental Center – COF BOD meetings are held here. We pay a membership fee and a rental fee. There will be a big problem with parking this next year. Perhaps, we can continue with ZOOM meetings for the BOD meetings. That is going well. Another idea was to have BOD meetings at a local restaurant or pub.

…FFI – should we continue to be a member? Tim is our FFI rep. He will research what grants we have gotten, as well as other benefits and report back.

…Volunteer Recognition – Those who volunteer over 30 hours each, receive a fly box. Those who volunteer over 100 hours, receive a gift card. Should that change? Tim will talk to Dick Olson and see what the numbers are.

…Winter Seminar – The BOD feels that it has run its course. It is a huge undertaking and has lost money in the past few years. The Board voted to discontinue the Winter Seminar for COF. Tim will let Sunriver Anglers know about our decision.

…Winter Fly Tying – We are working with Sherry Steele to hold the classes online, at no cost to the club or members. More to come…

…BBQ – questionable…so no expense in the budget at this time.

Revenue – 30% of our dues come in Jan and Feb. 70% of our dues come in December. Our budget reflects this. We will have no money coming in this next year from the banquet or the cancelled Sportsman’s Show. Much discussion then ensued about raising the membership fees. We don’t expect to cover everything
with just the membership fees. The following fee schedule was proposed and passed by the BOD…

Individual - $50
Family - $75
Out of Area Individual - $30
Out of Area Family - $40
Youth/Next Cast (up to 25 years old) - $0

All members must renew their membership each year, whether it is free or not. All members must check the liability waiver form each year. There will be a push to have a parent or legal guardian of Youth members, who are under age 18, to sign the liability waiver on behalf of their child or ward. Even though they pay no dues, all Honorary Life Members must renew their membership each year and check the liability waiver.

Board Book – this is the time of year that all board members should read and update their appointed area in the Board Book. All changes and additions need to be sent to Bill Raleigh.

2021 Leadership Changes – John Howard will be our Vice President. Corol Ann Carey will be an At-Large member. We need volunteers for Education, Programs, Outings, Raffle, and Banquet/Auction. Tim would like the outgoing directors to send him the time commitment of each of their committee positions, so he can pass it along to the new volunteers. The need for the Welcome committee was discussed. Tom’s monthly meeting table was fun. Bob will send out the email of the new members to the BOD and perhaps we could welcome them. We also need all members to welcome our newest members at the monthly meetings, when they next occur.

IRS designation – We are a 501 (c) (3) (not for profit, Public charity) as opposed to a 501 (c) (7) (social club). We need to keep this in mind as we discuss the budget and events.

Retreat Date – historically, we have held our retreats in November. The change to October worked well this year. We will continue to hold our retreats in October.

- KARI SCHOESSLER
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LIBRARY
Our DVD collection and a few of our books, will be available at monthly meetings for check out. To access the rest of our books, you can find a title on our website's library collection list https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org, and email the librarian to bring it to the next meeting.

The librarian arrives at the meeting early to give members extra time to look for items before the meeting starts. Sign in on our website https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org, click on Members Area and select Library to see a list of our books. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email Helen Guerrero-Randall.

- HELEN GUERRERO-RANDALL
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MEMBERSHIP
Welcome to Our New Members

Randy Columbell - Bend
Ann Laferriere - Bend
Dennis Wallace - Redmond
Georgeanne Windisch - Bend

Total Members: As of October 13, 2020 Central Oregon Flyfishers counts a membership of 359 which comprise Individual and Family 311, Out of Area 26, Honorary Life Members 16 and Youth/Next Cast 6.

RENEWAL AND DUES FOR 2021
A reminder to everyone that membership renewal notices will be sent out in November. Be sure to check your emails. After review of finances, member surveys, comparison of other flyfisher clubs in Oregon, Washington and California, and much discussion the board has approved a modest increase in dues. The new annual dues structure is as follows:

- Individual - $50 for one person
- Family - $75 for the main member plus up to five (5) bundled members
- Out of Area Individual - $30 for one person
- Out of Area Family - $40 for the main member plus up to five (5) bundled members.
- Youth/Next Cast - Remains free for individuals up to age 25
Liability Waivers for Youth/Next Cast and Honorary Life Members

Youth/Next Cast members have their dues waived up to age 25. Honorary Life Members have their dues waived, uh well . . . for life. They still participate in all club events and, in some instances, run them. Despite the waiver of dues, the club still requires a Liability Waiver for each of these members so the following will happen:

Honorary Life Members and Youth/Next Cast members will receive renewal notices for 2021 even though no monies are required to be paid. However, we need each of you to execute the Liability Waiver which is attached to each notice.

ATTENTION: Youth/Next Cast Members under age 18. We need each of you to print out the Liability Waiver, have it signed by one of your parents or your legal guardian and return it to COF by email attachment or by U.S. Mail.

With all of that said, I hope you are staying safe, healthy and enjoying the Fall fishing in this beautiful area we call home.

- ROBERT SHIMANE
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COF Annual Meeting And Election - November 18

As per the COF By-Laws, COF holds an annual meeting in November to elect officers and discuss any other items that the membership would like to discuss. The COF Board of Directors is offering up the following slate of officers……

Officers to be elected to a 1 year term…
• President – Tim Quinton
• Vice President – John Howard
• Treasurer – Liz Jones
• Secretary – Kari Schoessler

Directors to be elected to a 2 year term…
• Susan Coyle (Wild Women of the Water)
• Corol Ann Cary (at-large)
• Tom Shuman (conservation)
• Danny Kara (at-large)

We need new Directors to fill the following positions….
• Outings
• Programs
• Education
• Banquet/Auction

For Your Information… The following Directors are continuing and don’t need to be voted on…
• Bob Shimane (Membership)
• Frank Turek (Kokanee Karnival)
• Fred Cholick (Next Cast)

The Board of Directors would love to hear nominations from the membership to fill our empty positions. Please send a note to Tim Quinton with your thoughts. We hope to see you all at the Nov 18 meeting for elections and our monthly presentation on ZOOM.

COF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Hardy Cascapedia MK II, 5/6/7 reel, $300 or best offer, Includes weight forward 6 wt. fly line and the original maker’s neoprene case. Used only once and in perfect, like-new condition. Please contact Bruce at bpv6643@aol.com for details.

MEMBERS: Got a fishing related item to sell? Ads are free and run for one newsletter. If the item is not sold please resubmit the advertisement for the next month’s newsletter. Submit ads to classifieds@coflyfishers.org before the middle of each month.

- CLASSIFIEDS@COFLYFISHERS.ORG
Cool Videos of the Month

1. Here’s another one from The Huge Fly Fisherman. This one doesn’t have anything to do with technique or gear, it’s about examining the eternal question we all ask: Is fly fishing better?” As you may guess, it’s dosed with a lot of humor and well worth the look. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVDuFGdcX_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVDuFGdcX_c)

2. Haven’t taken up Euro Nymphing? Addicted to the Bobber? This video shows how you can use some of the Euro Nymph principles with your regular fly rod and indicator (although he uses a Euro rod, you can use any rod with this setup). From Fly Fish Food, a site with lots of good videos of fly tying as well as some of techniques. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJ1CwkQd5Gk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJ1CwkQd5Gk)
I like flies that have a shuck, a nice wing profile, and that sit in the film. This fly meets those requirements. It’s an updated version of Harrop’s Hairwing Dun.

**Materials:**

- **Hook:** Daiichi 1110 size 18-22
- **Thread:** Uni thread 8/0 olive dun
- **Tail:** Hareline Sparkle Emerger Yarn, olive brown Teal flank, dun
- **Body:** Superfine BWO
- **Wing:** EP Trigger Point, dark dun
- **Hackle:** Dun or grizzly dyed dun

**Tying Instructions**

1. Start the thread at the midpoint of the hook shank and wrap back to the bend. Move the thread back to the tie in point.
2. Tie in the olive brown sparkle yarn and wrap back to the bend. Trim the yarn about a ¼ shank length. Tie in about 6 fibers of the teal and trim the butts.
3. Dub a thin body ending at the tie in point.
4. Tie in a hackle and continuing dubbing to a point behind the eye leaving enough room to tie in the wing. Wrap the hackle forward to the same point and tie off.
5. Cut a piece of the Trigger Point slightly longer than the hook shank and tie it in at the midpoint of the fiber just behind the eye. Part of the Trigger Point will extend back towards the tail and the rest over the eye.
6. Lift both pieces of the trigger point vertical and wrap back at the base of the forward piece forcing it into the rear piece. Whip finish.
7. Use a bodkin or small comb to help fan the trigger point fibers out. Trim slightly longer than the shank and use a pair of curved scissors to shape the wing.
8. Cut a V in the bottom hackle the width of the body.

-MICHAEL TELFORD
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